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1. THE SOVIET PRESS HAS PUBLISHED TWO SHORT ARTICLES ON THE PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE BAIKAL-AMUR RAILROAD. IZVESTIA (FEBRUARY 21) REPORTS THAT LAYING THE SUBGRADING FOR THE BAIKAL TUNNEL BYPASS ("OBKHOD") ON THE IRKUTSK OBLAST-BURYATSKAYA ASSR BORDER HAS BEGUN. THE FEBRUARY 22ND EDITION OF SOTSIALISTICHESKAYA INDUSTRIYA STATES THAT THE FIRST TWO KILOMETERS OF SUBGRADING HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON THE SPAN FROM UMBELLA TO KALAKACHAN, "THE STARTING PORTION OF THE WESTERN WING OF BAM," ALMOST ONE MONTH AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

2. THE SECOND ARTICLE ALSO PROVIDES SOME DETAILS ON THE HIGH TARGET OF PLANNED CONSTRUCTION FOR 1978. THE TASKS MENTIONED ARE: TO LAY THE SUBGRADING FOR THE RAILROAD SECTION FROM UKLAN STATION TO THE WESTERN OPENING OF THE BAIKAL TUNNEL, AND TO LAY THE SUBGRADING FROM THE BAIKAL CROSSING AT BURYATIYU TO DAVAN STATION.

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3. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE "ZLOBINSKI METHOD" OF PROFIT ACCOUNTING WILL HELP THE MACHINE OPERATORS REACH THE UPPER TARGET. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE THE ZLOBINSKI METHOD, APPARENTLY A METHOD FOR BRIGADE AND SECTION LEVEL PROFIT ACCOUNTING, IS ONLY NOW BEING INTRODUCED INTO BRIGADES, WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR 45 PERCENT OF THE

PLANNED CONSTRUCTION DURING 1978. MATLOCK

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